

REMARKS

Re-consideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14-16 and 18-23 were pending in the present application. Claims 18-22 were withdrawn by the Examiner due to a restriction requirement. Claims 18-22 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14-16 and 23 are rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14-16 and 23 are currently pending in the present application.

Method Claims 18-22 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to the subject matter claimed therein.

Claim 1 has been amended by replacing the terms "alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl in the phrase "wherein each alkyl is optionally substituted with one Ra substituent, and each cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from Rb" in the definition of R1 with specific alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl substituents. Support for replacing alkyl in this phrase with isopropyl, isobutyl and n-propyl can be found on page 29, lines 16-19 of the specification. Support for replacing cycloalkyl in this phrase with cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl can be found on page 29, lines 28-32 of the specification. Support for replacing cycloheteroalkyl in this phrase with piperidinyl can be found on page 30, lines 14-28 of the specification. Support for replacing aryl in this phrase with phenyl can be found on page 29, line 33 to page 30, line 3 of the specification. Support for replacing heteroaryl in this phrase with pyridyl can be found on page 30, lines 4-13 of the specification.

Claim 1 has also been amended by deleting the phrase "wherein each alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two Ra substituents and" in the definition of R2.

No new matter has been added to the above-captioned application by the above amendments.

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INDEFINITENESS

The Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14-16 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner stated that Claim 1 recites the limitation "wherein each alkyl is optionally substituted with one Ra substituent, and each cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from Rb." The Examiner indicated that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitations alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl in the Claim.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 as outlined above. Claims 3, 7, 8, 10, 14-16 and 23 depend from Claim 1 and incorporate the amendments to Claim 1.

In view of the claim amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are allowable and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14-16 and 23.

Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and therefore earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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